(b) the prescribed area of operation of this mission and the ways of obtaining funds; and

(c) the duration of the mission and by when it is proposed to be given concrete shape together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Government of India has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 to implement reforms driven, fast track planned development of identified cities with focus on efficiency in urban infrastructure/ service delivery mechanism, community participation and accountability of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/parastatals towards citizens. The primary objective is to bring about focused attention to integrated development of infrastructural services in 63 cities covered under the Mission. The Mission period is 7 years. The Government of India has committed Rs. 50,000 crore for the mission. Besides, the states and the implementing urban local bodies/ parastatals are required to contribute their proportionate share as fixed in the JNNURM. On the strength of the Central releases to the ULBs, the ULBs are expected to leverage further funds from the market.

Mumbai sewage disposal project

1756. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have submitted a proposal for World Bank loan for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project-Stage-II and Slum Sanitation Programme-Stage-II (SSP-II) in Mumbai, of so, the details of the project, and the World Bank loan sought;

(b) when the proposal was sent, the terms of the loan;

(c) whether the proposal has since been sponsored by Government, if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the process to be adopted for disposal of sewage and the products and by products to be obtained thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, Government of Maharashtra have submitted a proposal for World Bank loan for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II and Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II (SSP-II) in Mumbai.

The State Government proposal consists of two parts, namely, Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II for US$ 432 million and Slum Sanitation Programme of US $ 110 million. Components under the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II are rehabilitation of Sewers and manholes, diversion of all illegal connections (house connections discharging to storm water drains or nallahs) to the foul sewer system, provision of new and up-sized sewers to carry predicted flows, remedy of problems at the pumping stations, replacement of old pumps and equipments, modification of the treatment works, etc. The areas to be covered under Sewerage Works include Colaba, Worli, Bandra, Versova, Malad, Bhandup & Ghatkopar.

Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II was recommended to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for financial assistance through World Bank in the year 2004. The State was, however, categorized as 'debt stressed' State from debt sustainability point of view. Accordingly, the Deptt. of Economic Affairs informed that since Maharashtra is a debt stressed State, these proposals could not be forwarded to the World Bank.

In addition to above, Deptt. of Economic Affairs also informed that in November, 2004, Chief Minister of Maharashtra requested for engaging the World Bank to prepare a five year business plan for transforming Mumbai into a world class city and to include Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II in the comprehensive plan for the city. Subsequently, Deptt. of Economic Affairs requested the World Bank of February, 2005 to field a dedicated multi-sectoral team to draft a comprehensive strategy for the city.

The World Bank teams visited Mumbai twice last year and held extensive discussion with officials of Government of Maharashtra and with Task Force, appointed by the Chief Minister for preparing an Action Plan to develop Mumbai into a world class city. The World Bank team, which visited Mumbai from 8th to 21st November, 2005, has proposed a time schedule for Action Plan preparation relating to the Mumbai Development Action Plan. The proposed Action Plan involves action by State Government on a comprehensive package of key reforms, investing and financing. As per time schedule, prepared by World Bank, the Action Plan is expected to be launched in December, 2006. The State Government has been requested to adhere to the time schedule. The likely estimated expenditure to be spent on the project will be available on finalisation of 'Action Plan'.

(d) The process to be adopted for treatment and disposal of sewage are as follows:—

* For Colaba Zone, Worli & Bandra Zone, the proposal envisages removal of grit and screening followed by marine outfall.
* For Versova zone, the proposal envisages, removal of grit and screening with three stages of aerated lagoons and effluent discharge directly into Malad Creek;
* For Malad Zone, proposal envisages, removal of grit and screening and discharge directly into Malad Creek;
* For Ghatkopar and Bhandup zone, the proposal envisages removal of grit and screening with single stage of aerated lagoons effluent discharge directly into Thane Creek;

No by-product is envisaged to be obtained from the proposal Sewage Treatment Plant.

Metro rail services for urban areas

1757. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any detailed study has been undertaken to assess the long-term demand for providing metro rail services, given the high population density of urban centres in the country;

(b) if so, the results thereof and the details of plans formulated, if any, for their phased execution;

(c) the details of cities where the metro rail works, are in progress and their present status, as also their approximate costs and the pattern of funding settled thereof; and

(d) the extent of indigenisation and standardization of equipment, etc. achieved to bring down costs of construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Urban Transport is a state subject. Respective State Governments get studies done for the expansion of or setting up of new metro rail services in their cities as per